

One of the best quality of life moves I have made is becoming part of the Indiana do not call registry.

I am a long-term customer of Bank One and my home mortgage is with Chase Mortgage. While I have no problem with being contacted by phone to service an ongoing account with a company, their calling me to sell a new service I find very offensive. I find it especially offensive when they tell me it's a courtesy call and pretend it's not just a move to increase their profits. The term courtesy call is the biggest oxymoron known to man. It is never a courtesy to place a "cold call" to anyone.

I am a twenty-eight year volunteer with the Hobart Little League and manage the registration of between 450 and 550 players each year so not answering my phone or screening my calls with an answering machine is not an option. When my phone rings I want it to be my business not someone else's business. Before I became part of the Indiana Do Not Call registry I have had family members in the hospital with terminal illnesses and have dropped what I was doing to rush to the phone only to find a call from a Tele-marketer.

PLEASE! Do not castrate the Indiana do not call list.

I am not a child. If I have need of a service, I can find the information to make an informed choice. So companies making cold calls do not do me a service, except in that I remove them from the list of companies I will do business with.